

Shevchenko to stay in U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (R) — Arkady Shevchenko, the top Soviet U.N. official who refused orders to return to Moscow, said today he had serious differences with the Soviet system and wanted to stay in the United States. As the world body announced today that Mr. Shevchenko had quit his job at U.N. headquarters, he issued a statement saying he had "serious differences of political philosophy and convictions with the present Soviet system." The statement added that he intended taking legal steps to establish residence in the United States.

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French troops for Chad

PARIS, April 26 (R). — France announced today it had sent troop reinforcements to Chad following the flare-up of fighting between government and rebel forces in the central African country. The announcement, by a presidential spokesman after a cabinet meeting followed French press reports that French nationals had been beaten up by hostile crowds in southern Chad. The fighting between the Chad government forces and Frontins insurgents from the north of the arid republic flared again ten days ago, despite a ceasefire arranged by the Libyan government last month.

Pope Paul makes new appeal for Moro

VATICAN CITY, April 26 (R). — Pope Paul today made a fresh appeal to the urban guerrilla kidnapers of former Italian Premier Aldo Moro to spare his hostage's life "in the name of God."

"We once again express the hope that in the name of God the flames will end, even in the interests of the aggressors, peace and tranquility," he said in his weekly public audience.

"Human life is sacred," declared the 80-year-old Pontiff who has appealed repeatedly to Mr. Moro's life.

He spoke as Italy's wave of terrorism continued in the capital where a prominent local Christian Democrat was shot and injured by attackers waiting outside his home this morning.

The new victim, Girolamo Schell, was taken to hospital where doctors said he would need treatment for two months. His attackers escaped in a small car which they later abandoned.

An unidentified telephone caller told the newspaper Il Messaggero afterwards that the 4 Brigades kidnapers of Mr. Moro were responsible for a shooting this morning.

There was no way of verifying the call unless the Red Brigades issued an authentic statement claiming responsibility.

Police were hunting today nine alleged members of far-left extremist gang who kidnapped the 61-year-old premier of the ruling Christian Democratic Party and killed six of his guards on March 16.

The nine were identified in warrants issued last night by the judge investigating the kidnapping and accusation of multiple murder, kidnapping and participation in an armed band.

Italians were waiting anxiously for a new move by the Red Brigades, who threatened to release their hostage if the government and Christian Democrats did not immediately agree to exchange 13 jailed extremists for Mr. Moro.

Shortly after they made the demand, the government ruling party both refused to agree to a prisoner exchange.

Many Italians were full of shock about the fate of Mr. Moro, five times prime minister of their country.

The wife and four children of Mr. Moro today published a joint letter saying they had to see him again, but that Italians were resigned to murder by the Red Brigades.

The letter, published in the daily Il Giorno, began: "Our papa, we feel the need, so many days, to convey you with these few lines of our affection. We care, with prayer and deeds, hope of seeing you again and you embracing us."



King Hussein watches on as Crown Prince Hassan is sworn in as Viceroy Wednesday before the King flew to Yugoslavia. Premier Badran is at left.

King Hussein visits Yugoslavia

PULA, Yugoslavia, April 26 (R). — His Majesty King Hussein arrived here today for a three-day state visit to Yugoslavia which will include talks with President Tito.

The King, accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran on his first visit to communist, but non-aligned Yugoslavia, was welcomed by President Tito at his northern Adriatic island retreat of Brioni, near Pula.

King Hussein holds a first round of talks with the 85-year-old Yugoslav leader today at Brioni.

King Hussein was President Tito's guest at an official dinner tonight. He will continue his talks with President Tito at Brioni tomorrow.

The King will tour the north-western Yugoslav republic of Slovenia on Friday before returning home on Saturday, officials said.

King Hussein said that the Middle East and the world will not settle down until lost rights are given back to their rightful owners by ending occupation, and until the unquestionable rights of the Palestinians are respected, including their right to self-determination and to live on their own land. In an exchange of views tonight, King Hussein added that Israel is leading the world into war, and political and economic instability.

In reply to the King's toast President Tito called for the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination. He added that his country will back all initiatives aimed at reaching a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The King is also accompanied by Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf Court Minister Amer Khamash and a number of aides.

Before the King's departure, Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Viceroy. A royal decree was also issued appointing Minister of Education Abdul Salam Majali as Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh as Acting Foreign Minister.

The balance of trade between the two countries is in Yugoslavia's favour. According to trade figures for 1976, Jordan imported goods from Yugoslavia worth more than JD 1.6 million and exported phosphates worth only JD 190,000.

The King's delegation is expected to seek to improve the trade balance and further boost trade relations, sources added.

Israeli tanks move up near Tyre after brief clashes

SIDON, South Lebanon, April 26 (R). — Israeli tanks took up positions near the southern port city of Tyre today following an exchange of automatic fire between Palestinian commands and Israeli occupation forces, eyewitnesses said.

The Israeli movements came as United Nations peace-keeping officers in the south were discussing with Lebanese authorities arrangements for a further Israeli withdrawal from the region, due on Sunday.

The eyewitnesses said the Israelis were particularly active in Taybet Arab hamlet, south of Tyre, where Israeli tanks were seen for the first time on hills overlooking the area.

They added that the 75-minute exchange of fire took place at dawn today.

Israeli planes flew over Tyre at noon and the sound of explosions was heard from nearby Bazzouriyeh, the eyewitnesses said.

Meanwhile, a U.N. officer, Lt-Col. Peck, had talks in Sidon with Halim Fayyadh, the south Lebanon governor, on the planned Israeli withdrawal. The Israelis began pulling out on April 11.

Official sources said the officer called on the governor to suspend the repatriation of refugees to occupied areas on April 11.

In Damascus, the newspaper of Syria's ruling Baath Party today criticised the plan approved by a Lebanese parliamentary committee which called for the suspension of Palestinian armed action in Lebanon.

Commenting on the plan, which was to serve as the basis for Lebanese national reconciliation, the newspaper Al Baath said:

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Jet sales controversy looms over American-Israeli talks

WASHINGTON, April 26 (Agencies). — Israel and the United States today began a fresh round of Middle East peace talks with each side saying it was waiting to hear the other's proposals for breaking the impasse in negotiations.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan met U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the start of two days of talks to prepare for a visit next week by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Today's talks coincided with the disclosure that the Carter administration had decided to defer by two days the formal submission to Congress of its controversial warplane sales package for Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Israeli reported who travelled with Mr. Dayan said he was waiting to hear whatever new ideas U.S. Roving Ambassador Alfred Atherton brought from his talks in Cairo this week.

Before leaving Israel yesterday, Mr. Dayan said he was carrying no new proposals. But President Carter and Mr. Vance have said it was up to Israel to break the deadlock which followed Mr. Begin's last visit here a month ago.

Mr. Dayan arrived for talks Tuesday while Mr. Carter told a news conference he would submit his \$4.8 billion Middle East arms package to Congress.

Treating "moderate Arabs with fairness and with friendship," Mr. Carter said, is in the best interest of the United States and Israel.

Later it was learned that the package will be sent to Capitol Hill on Friday. The deals take effect unless vetoed by both House and Senate within 30 days.

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Bomb kills 2 German tourists in Nablus

TEL AVIV, April 26 (R). — A bomb was thrown through the window of a bus carrying West German tourists in the Israeli-occupied West Bank tonight, killing two people and wounding six, eyewitnesses reported.

The attack was staged in Nablus, the biggest town in the West Bank. It came when the bus, owned by an Arab tourist agency, stopped for a few minutes in the main square.

Israeli occupation forces sealed off the area as ambulances rushed to the scene.

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Israeli peace group makes dramatic call

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 26 (R). — Israeli peace campaigners formed a 20-km human chain through Jerusalem today to pass along a petition urging Prime Minister Menachem Begin to modify his hardline peace policies.

Men, women and children of the Peace Now movement joined the line stretching from the hills outside the city to the gates of Mr. Begin's office.

Organisers claimed up to 4,000 people, waving banners which said "peace now is not a dream," took part in the demonstration.

The Peace Now movement was founded four weeks ago by a group of young officers in the army reserve. Their objective is to persuade Mr. Begin to seize a chance for peace by compromising on such issues as Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

One of the officers at the head of the movement, Zali Reshef, told Reuters: "This demonstration is part of a series of actions we are taking to make the government change its priorities and opt for peace rather than a greater Israel."

A petition signed by 12,000 people was passed from hand to hand along the chain.

The organisers also claimed to have 60,000 signatures on postcards being delivered separately.

The postcards read: "Mr. Prime Minister. I am writing to you about peace, knowing the grave responsibility you carry. You represent me and the whole of Israel in the current attempt to bring peace now."

"I urge you not to endanger peace by further settlement (in occupied Arab land), don't take a path from which there is no return. I love Israel. I want peace now."

The signatures were collected in an intensive campaign of street corner canvassing this month.

The officers' movement has aroused strong opposition inside Israel. A rival group called the "secure peace" movement, embracing many strongly nationalist factions, has staged demonstrations urging resistance to what it regards as dangerous concessions.

As the human chain formed up, with each member a few metres apart, police watched for street corner demonstrations from groups such as the ultra-nationalist Gush Emunim settler movement.

"Better peace than territory," some of the banners read. The demonstration came at a time when, with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan again in Washington, peace prospects are again at a critical phase.

The Begin government has refused to contemplate any peace formula that includes an Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank or the Gaza Strip.

New Jewish settlement inaugurated

TEL AVIV, April 25 (R). — A new Jewish settlement was officially inaugurated today in the occupied West Bank. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer joined more than 1,000 people in the ceremony at Karmel Shomron about 20 kms west of Nablus.

Referring to Arab opposition to Israeli settlement of occupied territory, he said the Israeli government was steering a careful course "between our desire for peace and our striving to keep a hold on the land of Israel."

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Eban critical of both Sadat, Begin policies

TEL AVIV, April 26 (R). — Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban charged today that Egypt's President Sadat was now the main obstacle blocking the search for Middle East peace.

"President Sadat, who initiated the peace drive in November, is now the main obstacle to peace," Mr. Eban told this afternoon newspaper Yedioth Aharonot.

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World News Roundup ...

U.S. trade deficit improves

WASHINGTON, April 26 (R). — The United States today reported a billion dollar trade deficit in March, a substantial shortfall but better than the record \$4.52 billion deficit of last February. The total U.S. trade deficit in the first three months of this year was \$3.60 billion. America's huge trade deficit is seen as underlining cause of the dollar's weakness on foreign exchange markets. The 1977 U.S. trade deficit was \$31.24 billion and analysts predict a \$35 billion deficit this year.

First Gulf iron and steel complex opens

QA, April 26 (R). — The first integrated iron and steel complex in the Gulf region was opened today in an industrial area 40 kms. from here by the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani. Qatar Finance Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Khalifa Al Thani said he hoped the \$275 million complex would expand in size and raise its capacity from 400,000 tons of steel bars a year to one million tons.

Ehrlichman to be released

NEW YORK, April 26 (R). — John Ehrlichman ends 18 months in jail for his role in the Watergate scandal tomorrow and will go to pursue a career as an author — joining others from the hard Nixon White House who have found it a lucrative line. Ehrlichman's second novel is almost ready — his first was a best-seller — and he then plans a non-fiction book on his former boss, President Nixon.

Mogadishu jet hijacker gets 20 years

MOGADISHU, Somalia, April 26 (AP). — A Palestinian woman, Soraya Ansari, the sole surviving hijacker of a Lufthansa jetliner to Somalia last year, was sentenced Wednesday to 20 years imprisonment. Somalia's national news agency has reported.

New price rises in France

PARIS, April 26 (AP). — The French government today announced sharp rises in electricity, cooking gas, rail, coal and tobacco prices which commentators predicted would push inflation again over ten per cent this year. Premier Raymond Barre, speaking to reporters after the cabinet meeting authorizing the rises, said they were "considerable, but inevitable" if the government was to meet its pledge to reduce the deficit in state-owned industries. The guaranteed minimum wage, basis of the French wage structure, is to be increased May 3, the government said. The rise is expected to be around four per cent.

Brzezinski to visit Peking

WASHINGTON, April 26 (R). — White House National Security Affairs Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski will visit Peking for talks with Chinese leaders from May 20 to 23, the White House announced today. It said Mr. Brzezinski would visit Japan and South Korea after leaving Peking. White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Mr. Brzezinski would discuss the world situation while in Peking but would not enter into negotiations for a normalisation of Sino-American relations. Mr. Powell said Mr. Brzezinski would go to Peking in accordance with the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972 calling for visits by U.S. leaders.

Cairo says 24 held for guerrilla links

CAIRO, April 26 (R). — The Egyptian prosecutor-general announced today that authorities had detained a group linked with the Italian Red Brigades and said the organisation had planned an operation against the Egyptian-Israeli talks in Cairo.

Prosecutor Ibrahim Kalyoubi told a press conference that 24 people had been detained pending further investigation, and he listed their names. The list included Swiss, West German, Palestinians and Jordanians, plus one man each from Oman and Egypt.

Mr. Kalyoubi said none of the 24 had so far been charged and that investigations were expected to last for several weeks.

The prosecutor-general did not specify what action the group planned against participants in the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks or when it was to have taken place.

"The implementation of the terrorist operation had been left pending while the group awaited orders from splinter Palestinian groups," Mr. Kalyoubi said.

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Jordan Television on Thursday, April 27, Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline, will participate in celebrating the occasion by holding an acrobatic and sky-writing show. The formations and the colour writing will be performed by a team from the Royal Hawks Club, an affiliate of Alia, in the skies over Amman.

The show will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m., Thursday.

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The genius of Jimmy Carter

The controversy that grows daily over the plans of the Carter administration to sell a package of warplanes to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel must be watched very closely, because it contains the seeds of an awesome historical shift in the balance of power between American and Israeli interests in Washington. Our guess is that President Carter is moving along an ingenious course of action, and we hope he succeeds. As we see it, he decided several months ago to stare down the Israeli lobby in the United States, and he chose this plane package as his test case. Both President Carter and Secretary of State Vance have said that the plane sales are a package that will pass or not pass through the Congress as such -- that Israel will not get its planes without the two Arab states getting theirs. For reasons of prestige, credibility and tactical firmness, that package deal aspect of the matter has to be maintained, and Mr. Carter is sticking to his original intentions even in the face of the mounting public opposition that is being heard in the United States. In short, the pro-Israeli lobby has threatened to destroy the package deal, and Mr. Carter has accepted the lobby's challenge.

The key to this test of nerves is not in who wins the contest, because it is likely that the package will be defeated as it is. The key, rather, is in what happens after the package is defeated. And what happens then is that Egypt and Saudi Arabia get their planes from other sources, of which there are many. But Israel is left empty-handed, having denied itself the planes it sought because of the destructive forces of its own lobbying friends in Congress.

Israel has never been in such a situation before. Mr. Carter has effectively turned the Israeli lobby's force against Israel itself, and deserves a very big pat on the back from everyone for doing so. Our only worry is that he may not be able to stand up to the pressure and he may back down at the last moment. We hope he doesn't do so. He has a master coup in the making, and we hope he finds the fortitude to carry it through.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI newspaper Wednesday gave prominence to His Majesty King Hussein's recent speeches and press interviews in which he warned against Israel's ambitions in occupied Arab lands.

It notes that in his meeting with the officers of 12th Royal Mechanised Division the King stressed that Israel is still planning to realise the idea of an alternative homeland for the Palestinians.

Al Rai also notes that the King referred to the slackness in U.S. and West European effort to confront Israel from a strong and serious position that would ensure the implementation of U.N. resolutions.

The positions of Israel, the U.S. and Europe will not change unless the Arab position changes and the Arabs become united and strong, the paper says. Therefore, it adds, the Arabs ought to close their ranks and build up their own strength.

"We in Jordan, who have been and still are a principal target of Israel's designs, are called upon to redouble our efforts to develop and strengthen the potential embodied in the Jordanian army, the vanguard of all Arab armies in the greater Arab homeland."

AL DUSTOUR, focusses on the National Consultative Council's reply to King Hussein's address at the council's opening session Monday. It singles out in particular the council's pledge to cooperate with the government through constructive and objective dialogue in the service of the people's best interest and out of loyalty to the throne.

The newspaper strongly echoes the King's ardent call on the Arab leaders to work as one because "time, which is fleeing away, will not allow any more discord and differences."

WHAT'S GOING ON

Arabic play

"The Cafe of the Wise", an Arabic play by Kamal Kellani, is now showing at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre, Jabal Luweibdeh. The play will run daily at 7:00 p.m. until April 29.

Petra Photo Exhibit

A photo exhibit showing scenes from Petra is on display daily at the French Cultural Centre. The exhibit runs until May 4th.

Jordan Photo Exhibit

Opening today, an exhibition of photos by Fakhri Malkawi depicting life in Jordan will be showing till May 1st at the Soviet Cultural Centre on Jabal Amman.

Money lenders retreat as JCO moves to help Jordan's well off smallholders

This is the first of a three-part series in which the Jordan Times investigates cooperatives, both agricultural and non-agricultural, in Jordan. Today's article looks in particular at the work of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO).

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 26. — The money lenders are on the retreat. In Jordan they have traditionally had a powerful grip on village farmers. They still provide about half the cash input that is needed every agricultural season. But, according to Mr. Marwan Dudin who was Director General of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, (JCO) until his recent appointment as an ambassador, the money lenders' rates have become more reasonable of late. "Some of them are not the sharks they were five or six years ago," Mr. Dudin said.

Much of the credit for this is claimed by the JCO. Wealthy farmers have for a long time been able to go and borrow money from commercial banks. The peasant on the other hand has not. He is an unattractive customer for a bank, and in any case he probably lacks the education to make out a request for a loan.

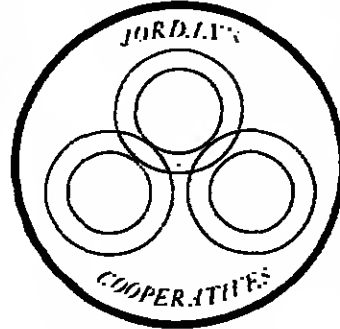
The JCO does not close its doors to the well-off but it does offer most help to the small farmer. The organisation provides him with low-interest credit; it helps him make out his requests for funds; it offers advice on improving his agricultural techniques and it helps him buy and sell his goods on favourable terms.

The JCO does not just occupy itself with the farmer. It also provides credit and services for the artisan, the civil servant or the housewife. There are now in fact more than 43,000 people in Jordan who are members of cooperatives. The movement started here in 1962, with the setting up of agricultural credit and thrift societies. The number of cooperatives grew fast; it was a little chaotic, up until 1967, when 60 per cent of them were lost with the West Bank in the war. So in 1968

a new start was made and the JCO came into existence.

Independent of government

Unlike many cooperative organisations in the developing world, the JCO is independent of the government. It is something more like a chartered company. There are three different parts to it. First there is the Cooperative Bank, which now has outstanding loans of around JD 3 million



and 12,000 accounts. Then there is a section which deals with agricultural sales. It buys plastic sheeting, fertilizer, machinery and the like and then sells them off at less than market prices to cooperative members. Finally, there is the sector which is responsible for the registration and promotion of cooperatives.

"The philosophical core of the JCO," Mr. Dudin said, "is the free economy". Leaders of the cooperative movement are certainly not class warriors, but they believe that their organisation does have a role to play in keeping a "social balance", and thus in "creating more stable communities", as Mr. Dudin put it.

"If you look at it, you find that this phenomenon (of the cooperative movement) is one that may be very difficult to evaluate in terms of cash, but in it you feel that healthier attitudes are being created"

and that it is helping to distribute the benefits of economic development more widely, Mr. Dudin said.

The JCO is aiming not just to provide credit, but also to create self-reliant economic communities. The money lender often did all his business with a little black book, arranging for the sale of his clients' crop as well as providing him with credit and the farmer was given little chance to check that his interests were being looked after. But by operating through the JCO the peasant can become "a little bit of an accountant". More than that, the cooperative society to which he belongs will in time build up its own reserves of capital to the stage where it is "bankable" in its own right and no longer dependant on special credit institutions.

This is a process, which is expected to take 10 to 12 years. "The communists say we cannot wait for this development," Mr. Dudin explained, but in Jordan the pace is determined by the benefits that the farmer can see for himself from voluntary cooperation.

High repayment figures

Officials at the JCO say that it is important that cooperative members should feel they are running their own affairs and are not being coerced by the government. The Cooperative Bank, which increased its operations four fold between 1974 and 1976 (when the latest figures were available),

boasts impressively high repayment figures. Most cooperative societies in the developing world would expect to have about half their loans paid back on time. Here the figure is 88 per cent. There are good reasons for this. The cooperatives in Jordan are responsible for putting in requests for loans, but they are also responsible for collecting the repayments. When credit is arranged on a communal basis there are strong social pressures to pay up on time. The JCO feels that cooperative members are the best debt-collectors and policemen you can hope to find.

The Cabinet has recently set up a special committee to look into the relations between the JCO and the Jordan Valley Farmers Association (JVFA). Both organisations perform more or less the same functions, but the JVFA has remained independent of the JCO. Institutional loyalties have probably stopped them from working together more effectively in the past, but there is also a philosophical conflict between the two.

All the farmers in the Jordan Valley must belong to the JVFA, who have organised their branches in line with the agricultural zones that they have marked out in the valley. But there are also coope-

ratives in the region which come under the JCO umbrella. Their membership is not compulsory and their boundaries are determined not so much by agricultural strategy as by who can get on with whom.

At the moment the Jordan Valley farmers can sell anything they grow, but when the area under cultivation triples -- as it will with in the next few years -- there will have to be more careful zoning, so that everybody is not growing the same crop. JCO officials feel that government legislation alone will not work and that it is only cooperatives acting freely in their own interests that can apply the necessary discipline over their members.

Growing fast

Whether or not the JVFA is merged with it in the future the JCO seems likely to go on growing fast. The British, and more recently the Germans, have provided loans to the Cooperative Bank worth altogether JD 2.2 million, and cooperative membership has been growing at the rate of about 30 per cent a year.

So, how fast is the movement likely to grow in the future? The answer to that depends on the policies which

are adopted. Mr. Dudin claims that the JCO could both run at a comfortable surplus and greatly expand its financial operations if it aimed its services in the direction of people with money. But this is not the priority. It is exactly those people who are a bad risk in financial terms who benefit most from the cooperative system.

But this leaves the organisation short of money, and it cannot hope to gain new members unless it can offer them loans. Despite its expanding credit facilities, interest on loans (sometimes as low as four per cent and rarely above seven) does not cover the JCO's running costs. And what's more, over the past few years the government has not provided the subsidies which it had promised.

So the JCO is left with a dilemma. Should it balance its books and enlarge its funds? Or should it instead concentrate its efforts on the less well-off and put up with the painfully slow progress toward economic self-reliance that this involves?

Tomorrow: Farmers' cooperatives

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KLM SPRING RECEPTION

Regional Director of the Royal Dutch Airline (KLM) Najib Fakhouri gave the Annual KLM Spring Reception at the King Hussein Club Wednesday. A number of dignitaries, directors of airline companies and journalists attended.

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Jordan Times supplements

The Jordan Times is publishing a series of supplements of interest to business and industry in Jordan over the next year. Two important supplements of interest to regional and international companies in the fields of aviation and telecommunications will appear in May and June respectively. The proposed editorial content of these supplements is outlined below.

Synopsis of editorial content of supplement on airports and aviation in Jordan Times

Publication Date: May 20, 1978.
Final Copy Date: May 10, 1978.

1. Jordan's role in Middle East Aviation: developing regional role of Jordan in aviation field; the Arab Air Academy; Boeing service centre; simulator training; Arab Air Services, Arab Wings; the pivotal role of Alia; the keen interest of H.M. King Hussein in aviation; the Directorate of Civil Aviation, aviation regulatory policies, planning.
2. Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline: more than a flag carrier, the origins of Alia, the operating principles and objectives laid down by H.M. King Hussein, the airline's spectacular growth, the driving force of Chairman Ali Ghandour, new routes planned, fleet expansion, joint services and cooperation with other carriers; the role of Alia in M.E. aviation, diversification of the company into other businesses.
3. Queen Alia and Aqaba Airports: new gateway to the Middle East; construction progress, the planned capabilities and anticipated role of the new airport; modern equipment required for handling and safety; carriers who will operate through Amman; expected expansion of Jordan's regional and international air links.
4. Training new cadres of aviators: The Arab Air Academy, Alia's training centre, the simulators, the DCA staff training programme, the keen attention to detail and safety which makes Jordanian trained pilots accepted to best international standards.
5. Executive Jet Travel: the era of the small executive jet, the success of Arab Wings, increasing use of personal and corporate jets in the Middle East, the economics of buying your own jet; aircraft available in today's market; the competing salesmen.
6. Air Cargo: growing use of air cargo for urgent and even routine shipments between the Middle East and the industrialised world, the cost advantages of airfreight, Amman as a cargo transshipment point for the Gulf, boosting Jordan's agricultural exports, the charter business; Air Cargo operators; the scheduled airlines; the independent; volume of cargo business passing through Amman airport.

Synopsis of editorial content of telecommunications supplement for Jordan Times.

Publication Date: June 3, 1978.
Final Copy Date: May 24, 1978.

1. Jordan's telecommunications development: The role of the telecommunications corporation, its development, the constant race to match services against demand, the \$230 million master plan, what it will involve, what contracts have been awarded, what contracts are still open.
2. Communicating to the World: Review of Jordan's telecommunications links with the Arab and western world, the mixture of satellite, microwave and radio links, plans for improvement, prospects for direct dial links.
3. Arabnet: Shrinking the Arab World through the spectacular project of an Arab telecommunications satellite, the benefits to general telecommunications, education, TV and radio broadcasts in the Arab world, a review of work executed so far, the status of the project, the programme of action, the international competition to win the consultancy contract, the groundwork now being laid by the major international companies for supply contracts, everything from aerospace technology to local civil works.
4. The modern company's telecommunications needs: Changing face of the company switchboard, internal telephone and intercom systems, telephone answering machines, telex machines, latest equipment: facsimile transmission equipment, conferences by telecommunications with sound and vision, local suppliers and experience, service facilities, costs.
5. Broadcasting: Importance of radio and television as a medium of mass communication, recognition of importance for both education and trade, the growth of advertising volume and revenue at JTV, the central role JTV and HBS has played in developing cadres of experienced broadcasters throughout the Arab world, Arab News Exchange system, the Jordan satellite link between Middle East news events and viewers at home throughout the world, industrial applications of film or videotape and satellite communications.

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Ambassador of the blues Memphis Slim who says he is a missionary of life and death

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

Ambassador of the blues, Memphis Slim, was in Jordan last week. He gave two concerts at the Haya Arts Centre Monday and Tuesday. Prior to Tuesday's performance, Memphis Slim spoke to Alan Martiny of the Jordan Times.

What does the blues mean to you?

The blues is life, death, sorrow, wealth, poverty and everything. It's a way of life. The blues is a way of expressing what you feel. In a way blues singers are informers, they inform the people like an authority or missionary.

Q. What is the message you're trying to bring across?

A. My message depends on the situation, the place and the people I'm singing to. I try to give people the right answers. Most of my songs are about people's problems.

Ambassador-at-Large of Good Will

Having just completed a rousing tour of four African countries, American Blues singer Memphis Slim (born Peter Matman) is now on a tour taking him to four African and Arab Eastern capitals. His countless fans may now address him as Mr. Ambassador if they wish, for he was so designated in the Senate of the United States. In a special resolution unanimously passed last December 15, Slim was proclaimed "Ambassador-at-Large of Good Will."

It is a title Memphis Slim surely merits. In a long career that began in the night spots of Beale Street, Memphis, in the 1920s, Slim has done as much as anyone alive to preserve, explain, develop, and of course perform this uniquely American art. He appeared in Amman at the Haya Center on April 25 and 26 under the sponsorship of the American Center.

On the current tour, Slim is accompanied by the popular drummer Michel Denis, who played with Slim on his 1977 African trip. Ambassador Slim is no typical diplomat. When he gets on stage and announces, "I am the blues," there is no doubt. Thanks to his tours of the last few years, African, American and European fans in cheering his rousing, sometimes sad interpretations. In between his latest African trips, Slim returned to Memphis, the city where he was born in 1915 and which is known as the birthplace of the blues. It was a special occasion, a city symphony orchestra on Beale Street's Theatre. On the programme there was music by Beethoven, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, and - Memphis Slim.

One of the few artists to successfully merge town and country styles into a new sound that was accepted by Memphis Slim is a pianist, who has made more records than his contemporaries put together. He now lives in

and love, like a when a guy's girl leaves him.

Q. Do you write most of your own songs?

A. I write all of my own music. Sometimes I'll get a song right up on the stage and just remember it until after the show. I'm writing songs all the time. Now I'm going to write a book about the blues. I've got most of it in my head. But I feel I have to write a book because there has never been a blues book written by a blues singer.

Up till now all the books about the blues were written by fellows who interviewed blues singers and these white guys just can't get the right information. The blues singers tell them all sorts of lies to make themselves look good and the interviewers don't know the difference. One singer will say he played with Louis Armstrong and W.C. Handy. But I know when they're telling the truth.

Also the average blues singers don't know anything about the blues. They just sing. They can't explain it. They never thought about it. I'm kind of lazy about writing but I'm going to try to finish this book.

Q. Why did you choose to base out of France and where have you found your best audience?

A. I moved to France because that was the place where the people received me best. But as far as my best audience, I'd have to say that's everywhere. On this last tour I played to packed houses every night. In Rwanda we played in a hall with a capacity of 350 and 800 came. So everybody moved in and sat on the floor in the aisles. Everywhere we went they've asked us to come back. Even in Europe I play to packed houses.

Q. What do you do when you're not doing a tour?

A. Most of the time I'm traveling around Europe doing tours, in Germany, Belgium or Scandinavia. Also I do a lot of travelling in France. If I'm free for a week or two I play in a club in Paris. So I'm always working. I do a lot of playing at universities and theatres in France.

Q. Do you plan to return to the Middle East?

A. After this tour I'd like to come back but not to one city. I'd like to make a tour of all the major cities.

Q. How and why did you begin working for the U.S. State Department?

A. Sen. Sam Hainakawa of California was the one who got me involved in that. We are old friends. We met each other in 1944-45 in Chicago. He was a jazz enthusiast. Twelve years ago he came to visit me and my wife in Paris and offered to make me an ambassador. So he put it to the Senate and it was passed unanimously. It passed the Senate Dec. 15, 1977 and was approved by the House on March 9.

Actually it amounts to just a title for what I was doing right along, but it helps me get engagements in places I wouldn't have gone to before. So I'm like a roving ambassador.

I really like it because I always wanted to be a kind of a missionary to teach and preach about the blues. I have more listeners now as a result too. I did a press conference a few weeks back and more people came to that than come to my concerts. I enjoy it. In fact all blues singers are like politicians because we sing and nobody listens. We're always protesting.

Q. Do you have any future plans?

A. I never did anything but the blues, and I'm happy to be one of the maybe 16 per cent of the people in the world who are doing what they want to do and surviving.

Coming & Going...

President of King Faisal Uni. visits Yarmouk Uni.

IRBID, April 26 (JNA). — The President of King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Mohammad Said Al Qahtani, arrived in Irbid today for a three-day visit to the Yarmouk University. He had talks with its President Dr. Adnan Badran who briefed him on the progress of the university.

Bitterlin leaves after five-day visit

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA). — The Secretary General of the Society for Franco Arab Solidarity, Lucien Bitterlin, left Amman today at the end of a five-day visit to Jordan. He said before departure that a publication entitled "France and the Arab Countries", which includes a special feature about Jordan on the occasion of Independence and Army Day, will be ready by the end of next month.

Ghazi Arabiyat heads police delegation to Damascus

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA). — Jordan's delegation to the sixth conference of Arab police chiefs will be leaving for Damascus to attend the meetings there due to begin on May 13, a source at the Public Security Department said here today. The five-member delegation will be led by Maj-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat, Director of the Public Security Department.

Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf returns from Saudi Arabia

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA). — Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf returned to Amman today after a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He said that during his visit he met with King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and other officials. During his talks with the Saudi Minister of Culture and Youth, Prince Faisal bin Fahd, a joint programme of bilateral cooperation in the field of culture was worked out.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian fil	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	312.00/314.00
U.K. sterling	566.00/570.00
W. German mark	150.00/150.90
Swiss franc	129.00/130.00
French franc	67.50/67.90
Italian lire (for every 100)	35.90/36.10
Japanese yen (for every 100)	137.20/138.00
Dutch guilder	140.40/141.30
Belgian franc (for every ten)	86.40/87.00
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

Conference at U. of J. tackles impact of demographic changes on social, economic development

By a Jordan Times Staff reporter

AMMAN, April 26 — A two-day conference on demography and social change started at the University of Jordan today.

Organized by the National Planning Council in cooperation with the University of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society, the conference will discuss papers dealing mainly with the impact of demographic changes on the social and economic development of Jordan and vice-versa. Two of these papers are by professors at the University of Jordan and the others are by visiting guests from Egypt.

The aim of the gathering, conference chairman Dr. Kameel Abu Jaber told the Jordan Times, is to study social and economic trends in Jordan and review them with particular reference to their implications for present population growth and education planning.

Dr. Abu Jaber is Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Commerce and director of the Population Studies Centre at the University of Jordan.

He went on to say: "To many developing countries - and this is particularly true of Jordan, where something like 50 per cent of the population is under 15 - one of the major concerns of planners is accommodating and educating a large percentage of young people when there is a relatively small adult work force."

The first paper, presented by Dr. Sami Qassaneh, an assistant professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Jordan, outlined basic present population trends in Jordan and the current situation in education planning.

Following this Dr. Nadia Makari, Professor of Economics and Political Science at the University of Cairo, a specialist in statistics, presented an important paper discussing demographic factors and development in Jordan. This will be followed by a paper on long-range development planning by Dr. Mohammad Ismail, an assistant professor at Cairo's Al Azhar University, who is representing the American University of Cairo at the conference.

demographic models and educational planning programmes already applied in Egypt. The ensuing discussion, which took up most of the rest of the day, was about how these models and plans could be modified and applied to Jordan.

The Director of Finance at the National Planning Council, Mr. Salem Ghawi, sees the conference as a kind of "demography workshop". He hopes that Jordan can benefit from the experiences of other countries such as Egypt. Hence the importance of Dr. Makari's contribution.

The conference, he said, will also try to evaluate some of the objectives of the current five year plan, and there is a possibility that it could prove of value in drawing up the next five year plan which will begin in 1980.

The conference is being attended by representatives from various bodies in Jordan concerned with population and planning, such as the Department of Social Welfare, the Ministries of Labour, Health and Education, the armed Forces, the Royal Scientific Society, Yarmouk University, UNDP, UNRWA, USAID, the medical association and of course people from the National Planning Council and the Population Studies Centre at the University of Jordan.

This is only a local conference dealing specifically with issues relevant for Jordan's development, and does not expect to forward any formal recommendations as such to a higher body. The information accumulated during the two days of discussion will, however, be disseminated throughout the appropriate authorities in Jordan for their use in future planning and policy making.

At tomorrow's session, Dr. Hisham Hourani, Professor of Economics at the University of Jordan, will present a review of the relationship between demographic factors and development in Jordan. This will be followed by a paper on long-range development planning by Dr. Mohammad Ismail, an assistant professor at Cairo's Al Azhar University, who is representing the American University of Cairo at the conference.

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UNRWA general commissioner confers with Al Majali

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA). — Acting Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali today received Mr. Thomas McElhiney, Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) along with Mr. Richard McCall and Mr. George Ashmore, both officials of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to discuss services the agency extends to Palestinian refugees in Jordan.

Dr. Al Majali stressed that UNRWA should maintain the level of its services without any cutbacks. He explained the nature of the back-up services the government is providing for the agency's activities in education, health and other fields.

The meeting was also attended by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh, who is also Acting Minister of Reconstruction and Development, Minister of Communications and Acting Minister of Health Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and Minister of Finance Mohammad Dahbes.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Pipe Manufacturing Co.	JD 10.000	440	10.500	11.000
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	19,272	1.600	1.600
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	115	1.100	1.150
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	1,577	2.800	2.750
***Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1.000	1,184	2.150	2.100
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	1,050	1.050	1.050
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	676	16.600	16.900
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1.000	3,565	1.150	1.150
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	896	1.350	1.450
Jordan Worsted Mills Co.	JD 1.000	2,009	1.550	1.700
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	1,562	15.500	15.650
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1.000	1,955	1.100	1.100
** Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1.000	150	0.900	0.900
Paper and Cardboard Factories	JD 1.000	330	1.000	1.100
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	1,979	6.850	6.850
Total volume traded, Wednesday, April 26 JD 36,760				
* 50 per cent of share capital paid.				
** 60 per cent of share capital paid.				
*** 75 per cent of share capital paid.				

Eight Income Tax Department employees sentenced

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA). — The military governor today endorsed verdicts passed by the martial court against eight employees at the Income Tax Department who have been charged with embezzlement, negligence of duty and theft. One of the accused, Mohammad Othman zizam was sentenced to 10 years hard labour and ordered to pay JD 91,441, the amount which he had stolen. Another, Amin Mahmoud Shabatat, was sentenced to even years and ordered to pay JD 39,260. Other sentences ranged from five to two years hard labour with various fines.

Chairman appointed for Legal Affairs Committee of National Consultative Council

AMMAN, April 26 (JNA). — The Legal Affairs Committee of the National Consultative Council this evening elected Mr. Kamal Dajani as its chairman and Mr. Salman Al Qudah as rapporteur. Today's Committee meeting was presided over by President of the Council Mr. Ahmad Al Lawzi. Mr. Dajani is vice president of the National Consultative Council. Mr. Al Qudah and Tahir Hikmet were asked to draft the council's internal regulation.

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Their applications should be accompanied by a bank guarantee or certified cheque at the rate of 10 per cent of the tenders value. The last date for acceptance of tenders is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 1978.

Signed
Secretary of Tender Committee

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	10:15 A Musical Drama
5:30 Qura	Channel 6:
5:45 Cartoons	7:30 Educational programme
6:15 Circus	7:30 News in Hebrew
8:00 News in Arabic	7:45 Music Box
11:00 News in Arabic	8:30 Topical Show
Channel 3:	9:10 The Amazing Howard Hughes
7:00 Arabic programme	10:00 News in English
8:30 Arabic series	10:15 Movie of the week.
9:30 Arabic programme	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign-on	12:04 Pop Session
7:30 Morning Show	14:50 News Bulletin
7:30 News Bulletin	14:10 Music
7:40 Morning Show	14:30 Special Feature
10:00 News Headlines	15:00 Concert Hour
10:02 Morning Show	16:00 Pop Session
10:30 Happy Journey	17:00 Hall of Fame
11:00 Sign-off	17:30 Pop Session
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	18:00 News Summary
12:04 Pop Session	18:00 News Bulletin
13:00 News Summary	18:10 News Reports
	19:30 Sign-off

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Husseini Youth City (63273)
Amman:	
Nayef Al Qudari (4477)	Pharmacies:
Burakin Nume (2332)	Amman:
Irbid:	Sabbagh (23157)
Amman Abu Adh (2778)	Pares (63336)
Zargat:	Junaid (67251)
Barakat Shajrawi (63063)	Sadeeq (53266)
Irbid:	Haya (24368)
Taxis:	Mughabrah
Venecia (44584)	Zargat:
Najah (23038)	Sadeeq

BBC RADIO

GHRT	13:45 The Pleasure's Yours
5:00 News: 24 Hours	14:30 Radio Newsworld
5:20 Sarah Ward	15:00 News: Commentary
5:45 World Today	15:15 Culture Today
6:00 News: Press Report	16:00 News: Commentary
6:20 News: Press Report	16:15 Inspector Wan at Bay
6:30 News: Press Report	16:45 News: Book Choice
7:00 Sarah Ward	17:15 John Peel
7:45 Up at the Villa	17:45 Sports Round-up
8:00 News: Reflections	18:00 News: News about Britain
8:15 Music for Voices	18:30 Brain of Britain
8:30 Farming World	18:45 Outlook: News Summary
8:45 World Today	19:00 Outlook: News Summary
9:30 Financial News	19:30 Stock Market Report
9:45 Wales and the Welsh	19:45 The Dancing Masters
10:00 Meet the Composer	20:00 News: 24 Hours
10:20 The Burlesk Way	20:30 A Jolly Good Show
11:00 News: News about Britain	21:15 Paperbacks
11:15 Schenkel Plays Beethoven	21:30 Business Matters
11:20 Business Matters	22:00 News: World Today
12:00 Radio Newsworld	22:25 Financial News
12:15 Top Twenty	22:35 Book Choice: Reflections
12:30 Sports Round-up	22:45 Sports Round-up
13:00 News: 24 Hours	23:00 News: Commentary
13:30 News Ideas	23:15 Morning News
13:40 Book Choice	23:30 Top Twenty
	03:00 The Breakfast Show

VOICE OF AMERICA

Feature: Science in the News, News Summary, Now Music USA, (Czech), Actualities, Opinion, Analysis.	19:30 VOA Magazine, American, Science, Cultural, Letters.
20:00 Special English News, Music USA, (Czech), VOA World Report: to News ... newsmakers' voices	21:30 correspondent reports, background features, media comments, ... news analyses.

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
5:45 Damascus (SAA)	6:05 Damascus, Munich, Frankfurt (LH)
7:50 Cairo (EA)	6:30 Damascus (SAA)
7:55 Dhahran, Kuwait	7:00 Damascus
8:00 Bangkok, Bahrain	7:00 Beirut
8:15 Damascus	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
8:30 Beirut	8:55 Cairo (EA)
8:40 Riyadh (SDI)	11:00 Riyadh (SDI)
8:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RL)	11:30 Athens, Madrid
10:30 Ras Al Khaima (BA)	11:30 London (BA)
11:30 Kuwait (KAC)	11:30 Rome, New York
16:25 London	12:00 London, Paris
18:45 Cairo	12:30 Kuwait (KAC)
18:45 Beirut (MEA)	20:00 Cairo
20:00 Amsterdam, (KLM).	19:30 Baghdad

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	" 24391-4
Fire headquarters	" 22090
Police, fire, police	" 15
Municipal water service (emergency)	" 36381-2
Police headquarters	" 37111-3
Najdah roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	" 21111, 37777
Airport information (Alia)	" 55305
Jordan Television	" 73111
Radio, English Section	" 74124

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hamra Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Sha'ab Art Gallery	" 226-327
Antenna Centre	" 832-362
Arab Cultural Centre	" 333-727
French Cultural Centre	" 332-822
Kabbani Theatre	" 308-084
National Museum	" 222-018
Soviet Cultural Centre	" 114-854
Spanish Cultural Centre	" 225-630
Umbra Art Gallery	" 324-008
Zakariya Public Library	" 111-318

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 80
Chamber of Commerce	" 116-529
Electric Power Co. (repair)	" 223-897
Fire headquarters	" 91
Information	" 85/97
Municipal water service	" 113-000
Time (in Arabic)	" 80

Egypt considers firm measures against oil exploration by Israel

CAIRO, April 26 (R). — Egypt is considering taking firm measures against Israeli oil exploration in occupied Egyptian territories and in Egyptian territorial waters, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram said today.

The newspaper did not disclose the nature of the measures.

But it said Egypt had complained to the U.N. General Assembly and asked for an assembly debate "If acts carried out by Israel in occupied Egyptian territories and territorial waters were not stopped."

Al Ahram said Egypt had also informed the United States of its increased concern over

the oil prospecting, which it said was contrary to all international conventions which prohibit "usurpation of wealth of territories under occupation."

Al Ahram said a number of companies belonging to several Western countries were helping Israel in such activities.

The newspaper said that in its note to the United States, Egypt pointed out that Israel had prospected for oil in the Gulf of Suez and north of Al

Arish, the main Egyptian city in the occupied Sinai Peninsula.

It also said Israel had granted concessions to foreign companies for prospecting in the occupied territories and territorial waters.

The newspaper said: "Cairo is considering taking a number of firm measures against the illegal activity carried on by Israel in prospecting for oil in the occupied Egyptian territories and in the waters of the Gulf of Suez."

When oil runs out Arabs can still sell sunshine energy

BAHRAIN, April 26 (R). — Arab countries will remain the world's top energy exporters even after their oil runs out -- by selling sunshine in the form of solar energy, a Saudi Arabian expert has said.

These ten million sq. kms. of desert, using solar projects of only two per cent efficiency would produce 30 times the energy the world has now, said Dr. Abdul Ali Mohammad Sayigh yesterday.

"When oil runs out, people in the West think we will go to the West again," he told reporters at a solar energy conference. "But we have the biggest solar resources so we shall retain our dominance."

Dr. Sayigh, Chairman of the Arab section of the International Solar Energy Society and an Engineering Faculty member at Riyadh University, said his country planned to build the world's biggest solar-heated building at a military academy in Tabuk near the Jordanian border.

Saudi Arabia had also signed a \$100 million agreement with the United States for a five-year solar research programme, he said.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Los Angeles Dodgers conquer Cincinnati on way to 1st place

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP). — Red-Hot Rick Monday drove in the tie-breaking run with a second-inning single, his 20th RBI this month, and unbeaten Tommy John won his fourth straight game as the Los Angeles Dodgers moved into first place in the National League west, with a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds Tuesday night.

The victory gave the Dodgers an 11-5 record, one-half game ahead of the 11-6 Reds, as John boosted his all-time record against Cincinnati to 11-2, scattering six hits.

Monday, off to the best start of his career, broke a 1-1 tie with his second-inning single and the Dodgers scored their eventual winning run off loser Tom Hume in the third on two-out singles by Ron Cey, Garvey and Baker.

Cey hit his second home run of the season in the eighth for a 4-1 dodger lead before the Reds came back with a run in the bottom of the eighth on Ken Griffey's RBI triple.

In other National League action, Jim Kaat pitched a 3-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Chicago Cubs 7-0. Pittsburgh rookie Don Robinson gained his first major league victory by stopping the New York Mets on five hits.

Jeff Burroughs hit a pair of doubles and scored twice, backing the six-hit pitching of knuckleballer Phil Niekro as the Atlanta Braves broke a four-game losing streak.

Mark Lemongello fired a 6-hitter and Enos Cabell drove in two runs with a single and a grounder to lead the Houston Astros to a 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres. Tyson drove in three runs and John Urrea pitched a 7-hitter as the St. Louis Cardinals de-

feated the Montreal Expos 7-2. In the American League, Texas' Ferguson Jenkins pitched a perfect game until the seventh inning and beat the Kansas City Royals 4-1 on a 4-hitter.

Mickey Rivers and Chris Chambliss drove in fifth-inning New York runs and Jim Spencer blasted a homer in the ninth as the Yankees whipped the Baltimore Orioles 4-3. Jim Rice and Carl Yastrzemski drove in two runs apiece, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 4-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Rusty Staub's three-run homer capped a four-run 10th inning rally to give the Detroit Tigers an 8-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Paul Daulton belted his first career grand slam home run and Dennis Klay pitched four innings of shutout relief as the Cleveland Indians held on for a 6-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Gary Alexander's two-run homer in the seventh inning led the Oakland A's to a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins in the first game of a doubleheader.

Oakland beat the Twins 3 in a rain-delayed, 14-inning game which ended more than one hour after midnight.

Major League results and standings after Tuesday's games:

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Montreal	9	6	.600	—
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	1
New York	9	9	.500	1 1/2
Chicago	8	8	.500	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	7	7	.500	1 1/2
St. Louis	6	10	.375	3 1/2
West:				
Los Angeles	11	5	.688	—
Cincinnati	11	6	.646	1
Houston	9	9	.500	3
San Francisco	7	8	.467	3 1/2
San Diego	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Atlanta	4	11	.267	6 1/2

Tuesday's games:

St. Louis 7, Montreal 2
Philadelphia 7, Chicago 0
Atlanta 3, San Francisco 1
Pittsburgh 2, New York 1
Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 2
Houston 4, San Diego 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	11	3	.786	—
Boston	11	5	.688	1
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	4
New York	8	8	.500	4
Cleveland	7	7	.500	4
Baltimore	5	11	.313	7
Toronto	5	11	.313	7
West:				
Oakland	13	3	.813	—
Kansas City	11	3	.786	1
California	11	5	.688	2
Chicago	5	9	.357	7
Minnesota	6	12	.333	8
Texas	4	10	.286	8
Seattle	6	15	.286	9 1/2

Tuesday's games:

Cleveland 6, Toronto 5
Boston 4, Milwaukee 3
New York 4, Baltimore 3
Detroit 8, Chicago 4, 10 innings
Texas 4, Kansas City 1
Oakland 5, Minnesota 3, 1st game
Oakland 4, Minnesota 3, 14 innings, 2nd game
California 3, Seattle 0

Hopes rise of end to Japanese strike

TOKYO, April 26 (R). — A Japanese government mediation body today began efforts to end a crippling national transport strike amid signs that union support for the stoppages was crumbling.

The Labour Relations Commission was expected to put forward proposals to end the planned 72-hour strike, now in its second day, after meeting unions and management, labour sources said.

Yesterday, private railway employees accepted a 5.5 per cent wage offer and returned to work, but public sector workers on trains, buses, and underground rail lines opted to stay out.

Most public transport services around the country were halted again this morning, affecting an estimated 35 million people and causing chaos for commuters throughout the country.

Senate delays Carter's income tax cuts plan

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP). — The U.S. Senate has voted tentatively to delay for three months a \$25 billion U.S. income tax reduction recommended by President Jimmy Carter.

In what apparently was a show of concern about inflation the Senate yesterday went on record, 65-22, against having the tax cut take effect on Oct. 1. Carter contends that the tax cut is needed to sustain the growth of the United States economy.

However, the senators agreed with the Senate Budget Committee that the tax cut be delayed until Jan. 1, 1979, in order to hold down the government deficit and reduce the threat of further inflation.

At this point, the Senate's action is not a rejection of the specific tax cut proposed by

Carter. But it indicates that sentiment for a smaller tax cut -- and a smaller federal deficit to avoid worsening inflation -- has apparently spread from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

The Senate vote, in effect, endorsed a tax cut of no more than \$19.4 billion. While Carter originally sought a \$25 billion net tax reduction, economists now calculate the size of the package at just under \$24 billion.

The vote on the tax recommendation came as the Senate continued writing a preliminary federal budget for fiscal 1979, the 12 months that begin next Oct. 1. In two days of debate, the Senate has accepted without change the spending and taxing limits recommended by the Budget Committee.

U.S. official expects better economic activity but continuing inflation

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP). — U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman G. William Miller has predicted a surge of economic activity this spring in the United States but cautioned that inflation will continue to be a serious problem.

Miller told the U.S. Senate Banking Committee yesterday the economy should grow at a rate of about 6.5 to 7 per cent in the second quarter after declining 0.6 per cent in the first three months of the year.

"Growth in economic activity is expected to be sustained over future months by expanding consumer and business demand," he said.

"The continuing uptrend in employment suggests that

businessmen have had sufficient confidence in the underlying strength of the economy to be positioning themselves for further increases in production."

But Miller said "there is little reason to be optimistic" about the chances for reducing inflation in the near future.

In 1977, he said, workers' pay per hour rose almost 9 per cent but productivity was up only 2.5 per cent.

He blamed rising wage rates, governmental programme and the falling value of the dollar overseas for the inflationary spiral.

Miller strongly supported U.S. President Jimmy Carter's anti-inflation programme,

which is intended to get both business and labour to hold down increases voluntarily.

"The Federal Reserve will play its part in supporting the president's initiative by exercising appropriate restraint in the provision of bank reserves, credit and money," he said.

Miller predicted an inflation rate of from 6 3/4 to 7 1/4 per cent this year.

Sen. William Proxmire, Banking Committee Chairman, said he doubted the Federal Reserve was acting wisely in forcing interest rates up. Miller said, however, that such moves were needed to stem inflation.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8142/47	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0820/35	West German marks
	2.2220/40	Dutch guilders
	1.9650/80	Swiss francs
	32.38/41	Belgian francs
	4.6200/30	French francs
	868.50/869.00	Italian lire
	225.90/226.15	Japanese yen
	4.6440/70	Swedish crowns
	5.4290/4320	Norwegian crowns
	5.6990/7020	Danish crowns

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government stocks and equities closed easier Wednesday after a quiet session as sterling gave up some of its early rally and on lack of interest, dealers said.

Government bonds were around 1/4 point easier while leading industrial closed with net falls of a penny or two. At 15:00, the F.T. index was down 3.1 at 457.6.

Mining shares firmed in line with the rise in gold bullion, while some Australian finished below the day's highs.

Interest in equities was centred on issues with company statements or results out today, dealers said. Both Bowater and Unilever eased several pence after their annual company reports. In leaders, falls of a penny or so were seen in KCI, Boots, Glaxo, EMI, and Beecham.

Traded options were fairly quiet but Courtaulds attracted interest on the news of a new series.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$168.90/oz.

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact higher-ups and gain the support you will need in your line of endeavor. Your ability to organize is in effect today.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) In your activities today be sure to follow your intuition which is accurate at this time. Be active and cheerful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Talk views over with your mate and come to a fine arrangement for the future. Don't waste any time with unimportant matters.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Use practical sense in business dealings with others and reap the rewards. Come to a better understanding with co-workers.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Think of new ways to be more proficient at your job and gain more benefits in the future. Take steps to improve your health.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make sure a new plan you have in mind is well organized so that you can enjoy the benefits in the future. Do more thinking and less talking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Use practical methods in handling business matters today and get excellent results. Come to a better understanding with associates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contacting close ties who can help you solve a problem at this time is wise. Take no chances with your fine reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Concentrating on monetary affairs is important at this time. Know exactly where you stand and where you are headed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A good time to go after a personal aim since the planets are favorable. Plan to make improvements to your surroundings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Allow time to make long-range plans which can give you more security in the days ahead. Strive for happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have a long-time wish that can be attained with the aid of a good friend, so contact this person early in the day.

Nairobi gets a big new airport to cope with expanding trade, tourism

To cope with Kenya's expanding international trade and ever-increasing tourist visitors, a £30 m. new airport has been opened near Nairobi. The airport will be able to handle up to seven times the traffic for which the old one was planned, and its design is unique in Africa.

By John Worrall

LONDON, (F.T.) — Nairobi's new £30 m. (sterling) airport has opened for business. It is a prestige project. Rather it was built by a developing nation as a key factor in its development strategy.

It was planned a long time ago with future air traffic in mind. Work started in 1973. It was delayed for 15 months due to escalating costs at a time of inflation. The first plane took off from the new runway on March 14th.

Situated a mile or so from the old Embakasi Airport on the vast flat plains outside Nairobi, the semi-circular passenger and cargo terminal is unique in Africa and like only two others in the world.

The new passenger terminal is seven times as large and dwarfs the old terminal. The central building rises to five floors, and the control tower has eighteen storeys. Its horseshoe apron is capable of accommodating ten Boeing 747 Jumbos or 13 Boeing 707s at one time.

Vital to big business

Government thinking behind this superb airport was that Nairobi has become a crossroads for businessmen, diplomats and official visitors flying north, south, east and west. Some 90 per cent of all travellers to Kenya come by air. A good airport is vital to the big business economy.

It is also specially important to Kenya's burgeoning tourist trade. In 1977 tourist receipts totalled a record £50 m, greater than any single export except coffee. The old airport, tired and inefficient though it was, handled 1.5 m. passengers a year at the end of its long life. In 1960 it handled only 250,000 passengers.

The new airport is designed to handle 1,200 departing and 1,200 arriving passengers every hour.

It is Kenyan fantasy that the master plan for the airport provides for three additional terminals to handle 12 m. passengers a year.

Finance for the airport came from the World Bank's \$29 m. loan; the Kenya government has found the rest.

The master plan was created by Britain's Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners (Africa). The main contractor was the Italian firm Sogema. Wagner-Biro of Austria supplied the 200 m. tons of steel construction. A large number of sub-contractors were involved. It is thus a truly international enterprise.

Airport features

Among the many remarkable features of the airport is the GEC/Elliott information system. All over the terminal there are illuminated flight information display boards, controlled by a computer and a teletypewriter.

Four mobile air bridges for passengers are designed to serve low and high passenger capacity aircraft up to the size of the Boeing 747.

There are three aprons, for cargo carrying jumbos and Boeing 707s, overseas passenger planes and for smaller planes on local flights.

Obviously not forgotten was a plush state pavilion for visiting heads of state and other dignitaries.

The airport has four banks, two with branches in other parts of the complex, duty free shops galore, a post office equipped with rented mail boxes, some six car parks and taxi ranks, and a series of fine restaurants, cafeteria and bars.

A new dual carriageway brings traffic to the airport from Nairobi, and there is a separate road for trucks from the cargo terminal to industrial sites in the city.

To build this airport was one thing; it was another thing to move people and equipment from the old airport without time wasting confusion.

It was all done in six hours on the morning of March 14. All flight operations were stopped as customs, immigration, police, health and airline officials moved four miles to the new airport. By lunchtime a Kenya Airways Boeing 707 had taken off for India.

the first plane to leave the airport.

Nairobi Airport serves 30 international airlines, many of which have offices in the complex. Almost all the big European carriers call, one American carrier and 40 per cent of all African carriers. British Airways serves Johannesburg, El Al survives for regular flights to Israel. There is also a proliferation of charter and freight services. There are connections to 70 cities, with traffic flying north, south, east and west of Nairobi.

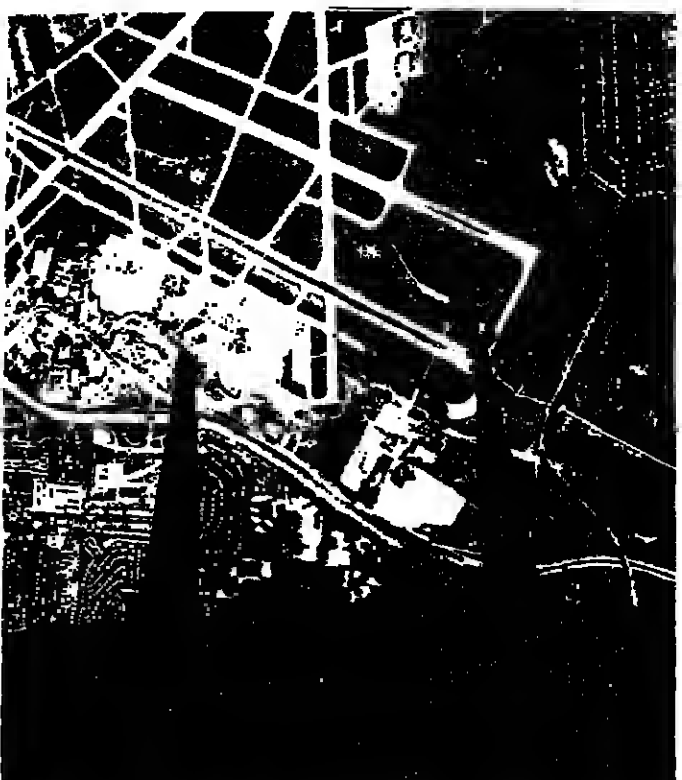
Three hundred miles to the south, at Mombasa, centre of Kenya's holiday coast, another new international airport was recently opened at a cost of £15 m.

Not only in Mombasa an increasingly important trade centre, with a flourishing port, but thousands of international tourists are flown direct there, bypassing Nairobi. It takes Jumbos and Boeing 707s, which mostly bring package tourists in from West Germany, Switzerland and Italy. The new terminal can handle 550 passengers an hour.

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Eagles use new take-off procedure



Looking at the runways of Lambert-St. Louis (Missouri) International Airport through the twin tails of an F-15 Eagle suggests the craft was just launched by a rocket. Actually, it is using a new take-off procedure that avoids interfering with normal air traffic at the facility. The port is adjacent to the McDonnell Douglas plant where the supersonic fighters are produced. When placed into service a few years ago, Eagles broke all world time-to-climb records, rising three kilometres straight up in less than 35 seconds. (IPS photo)

Britain's nuclear energy industry generates the wrong kind of heat

The debate about Britain's future use of nuclear energy continues -- sometimes with so much heat and confusion that at one stage of the public inquiry, "one opponent was seen to bury his head in despair as one of his fellow opponents effectively demolished the case of another."

By David Fishlock
Financial Times Science Editor

LONDON, (F.T.) — Early in April the government laid before parliament a Special Development Order granting permission for the building of a new chemical plant for reprocessing spent nuclear fuel, at Windscale, in Cumbria. It is the second important decision affecting the nuclear industry the government have taken in 1978, following one late in January, on further expansion of Britain's nuclear electricity capacity.

At a dinner on the nuclear industry campus at Risley, Cheshire, recently Lord Silsoe, Q.C., the barrister whose case

on behalf of British Nuclear Fuels had been accepted almost completely by the Inspector at the Windscale inquiry, gave both the nuclear industry and its opponents some timely advice. This advice may be worth repeating at a time when some aggrieved opponents of nuclear power are threatening to escalate the nuclear debate into a "war" sooner than see the company proceed with plans to import up to 3,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel from Europe and Japan over the next ten years.

Objectors to the Windscale reprocessing project who were genuinely seeking more information about nuclear plans

to ameliorate their fears or worries should not see the report of Judge Parker, published early in March, as a crushing defeat, said Lord Silsoe. No-one knows better how from witnesses brought before the inquiry by the opponents themselves -- some of high academic standing -- he had drawn clear admissions of the validity of most of the 13 points listed in the Inspector's report in favour of proceeding with the project.

An example was Professor Albert Wohlstetter of the University of Chicago, brought from the U.S. by Friends of the Earth, as an expert on the politics of nuclear weapon proliferation and a technical adviser to the U.S. government. Professor Wohlstetter was a principal witness in a case which rested heavily on the alleged heightened dangers from nuclear proliferation if Windscale were to be approved. But Lord Silsoe drew from him the admission that a world which was already op-

erating nuclear power stations would need some reprocessing capacity, somewhere, to safeguard against certain problems that might arise with nuclear fuel. His own government had forewarned reprocessing. But both Britain and France, he conceded, as nuclear weapon states were suitable locations for reprocessing plants for this purpose.

U.S. nuclear policy

The U.S. has produced authoritative suggestions, both before and since the Windscale report was published, that the British government and the Windscale Inquiry had been "misinformed" about U.S. anti-proliferation policy. President Carter has just signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Bill, which has been almost a year gestating; 15,000 words of convoluted legal prose which, say lawyers, can be seen to contain enough equivocation to effectively block all international nuclear trading by the U.S. Or it can be seen to contain enough loopholes for a good lawyer to find one for every U.S. nuclear transaction.

Nevertheless, both the U.K. government and Judge Parker himself believe that they see U.S. nuclear policy very clearly as trying to establish that separated plutonium -- a by-product of spent nuclear fuel -- is evil, but that other potential routes to nuclear explosives such as uranium enrichment are acceptable. And both believe U.S. policy to be wrong in this matter. In making their case for the new U.K. reprocessing plant, witnesses from British Nuclear Fuels have been "expert, reasonable -- and right," said Lord Silsoe. They had given only a few months to prepare their public case for the £200 million project. If they had not been doing their job properly, they would certainly have had no time to put it right once the government announced that it was calling the plans in for the inquiry.

Arguments rejected

What some opponents of the project seem to have found it hardest to accept from their public statements since the report was published, is

that the judge should have rejected all 17 arguments they raised against the project. Their chairman took perhaps its most extreme form in the critic who argued that the Parker report offered no dialogue. It "gives no credit to the groups and people that, at great personal cost, mounted the public debate Labour called for."

But the opponents of Windscale are no more agreed today on which of the 17 arguments raised against Windscale the judge should have accepted as justified than when, early in the inquiry, one opponent was seen to bury his head in despair as one of his fellow opponents effectively demolished the case of another.

Lord Silsoe also had some timely advice for the nuclear industry, as well as for its opponents. When he said that, had BNFL not prepared its case properly, it would have had no time to put it right, he was also warning the industry of the risks to its plans of undertaking public inquiries less than fully prepared.

More public inquiries

Two more public inquiries into nuclear projects -- for the first big pressurised water reactor and the first big fast breeder reactor (CFR 1) by-products of spent nuclear fuel -- are likely in Britain in the next two or three years.

The Central Electricity Generating Board demonstrated all-too-convincingly a few years ago that it had failed to prepare a satisfactory public case for the PWR. The probability is that the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority is not ready today to undertake for the CFR 1 inquiries of the kind witnessed last summer into BNFL's reprocessing plans.

It would be prudent to assume that, although the Windscale inquiry dug deeply into the central issue of nuclear proliferation, opponents of CFR 1 will insist on re-examining all this ground before the inquiry ever gets down to the safety of the reactor. The betting should be that the inquiry into CFR 1 will take even longer than the Windscale Inquiry.

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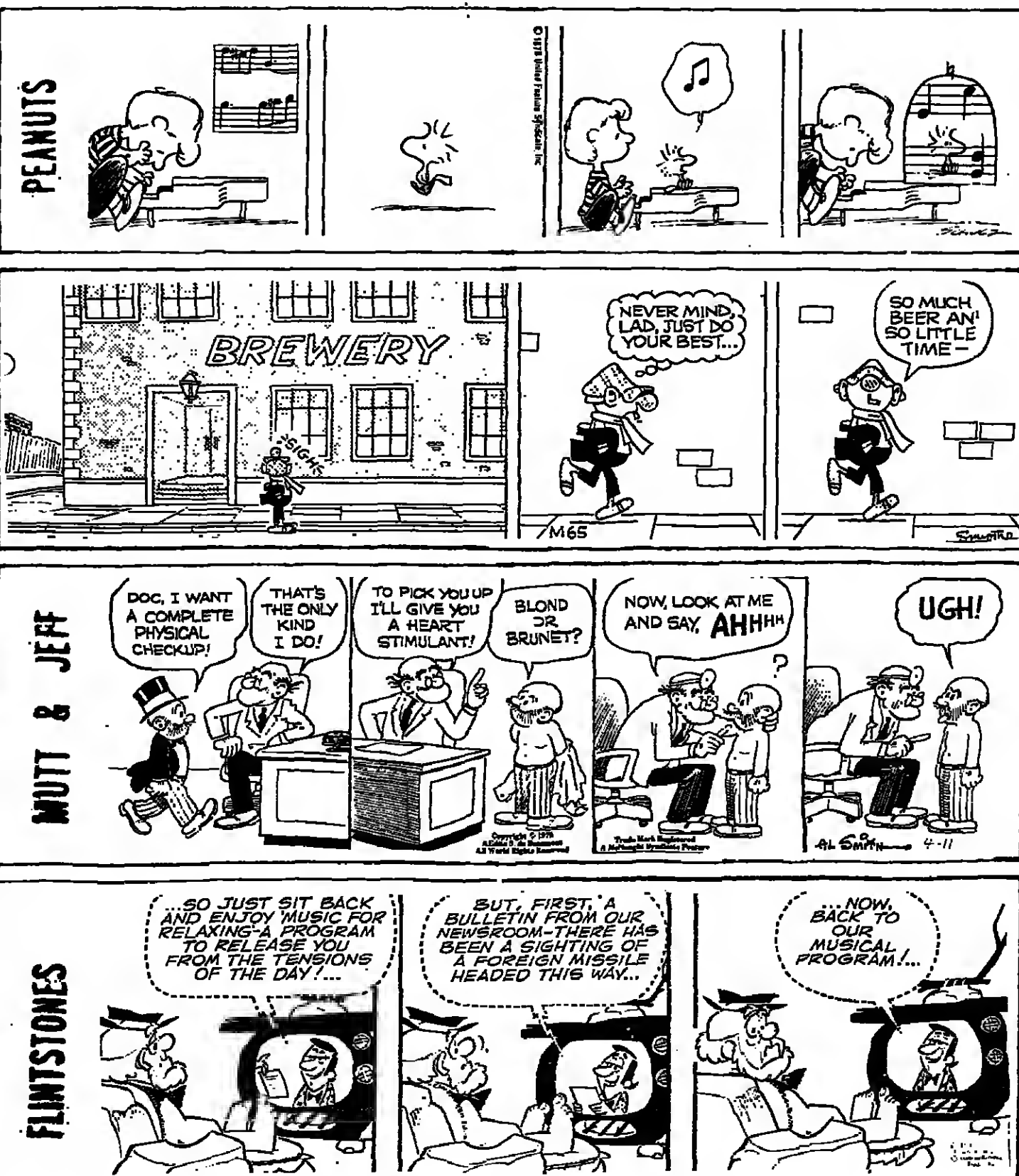
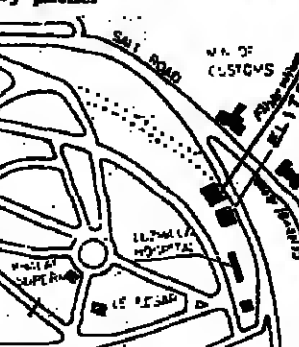
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West urges SWAPO to accept plan for independent Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (R). — Black guerrilla leader Sam Nujoma was being urged today to accept the West's independence plan for Namibia (South West Africa) following South Africa's agreement to the proposals yesterday. Mr. Nujoma, President of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), in New York for the special session of the General Assembly on Namibia, declined substantive comment on the South African announcement.

At a private meeting yesterday with Canadian External Affairs Minister Donald Jamieson, he also withheld SWAPO's reaction. Mr. Nujoma would tell reporters only that SWAPO's response would be made known in due course. Observers said South African acceptance of the settlement drafted by the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany placed the diplomatic ball in SWAPO's court.

The plan calls for U.N.-supervised elections leading to independence for Namibia by the end of this year, with several thousand U.N. troops and administrators in the country during the transition and a greatly reduced South African presence.

But in Johannesburg last night, Foreign Minister Piki Botha said he would not reduce South African forces in Namibia, estimated at 20,000, until violence ended there.

Speaking for the five Western members of the Security Council, Mr. Jamieson outlined their proposals to the assembly and said they welcomed South Africa's acceptance.

At a press conference later he appeared hopeful about SWAPO's eventual response, saying he had "some reasonable grounds for optimism that there will be the makings here of a settlement."

South African sources seemed less sanguine about the SWAPO attitude.

Portuguese president paints gloomy picture as country marks 4th year since revolution

LISBON, April 26 (R). — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes said Portugal faced a profound crisis which endangered its independence and added that he would use all measures necessary to guarantee the nation's integrity.

In a tough speech last night on the fourth anniversary of the coup that ended nearly half-a-century of rightwing dictatorship, the president told parliament that no political group would offer a quick solution to the country's present difficulties.

Earlier yesterday President Eanes called on the armed forces to maintain unity and discipline in helping ensure that Portugal remained a democratic state.

He praised the three services for refusing to heed appeals from those who sought to find in arms the power they could not obtain by the free vote of the people.

During the weekend Portugal's constitutional watchdog, the Military Council of the Revolution, warned of a dangerous growth of forces hostile to the fragile new democracy. The council condemned what it called "verbal terrorism" from both the right and left.

Turning to one of the major problems facing the Lisbon government, that of separatist violence on the Atlantic islands of the Azores and Madeira, President Eanes said legislation defining regional autonomy for the islands must be completed rapidly.

"But it is necessary to distinguish between what is a wish for autonomy and what is frustration, fear, political exploitation and threats by foreign interests," he said.

President Eanes listed the most important objectives facing the country as: the clear reaffirmation of the authority of the state, formation of a capable and patriotic leadership, efficient government, reform of the civil service and the establishment of a correct equilibrium between state and private enterprises.

Was Korean plane deliberately sent to test Soviet defence?

LONDON, April 26 (Agencies) — A writer in Britain's Communist daily newspaper said today that the South Korean airliner forced down in the Soviet Union last week could have been deliberately directed there by Western intelligence to find out how Soviet defences work.

Dr. John Baruch, an astrophysicist at Leeds University, wrote in the Communist daily Morning Star: "What every hostile nation needs to know is how its enemies' defences work." Although satellites can take photographs, "a very great deal indeed" could be learned "by sending an aeroplane unannounced on a direct route from northern Greenland to Murmansk," reportedly a vast military complex, Baruch said.

He said defence systems are run by big computers because the systems cover a large area and work very quickly, since a rocket takes only seven minutes to travel from Greenland to Murmansk. As well as interpreting the radars the computers control and direct them and the fighter defence as well, he said.

The scientist wrote: "Radar is the eyes of the military in any country and they use it a great deal for all sorts of purposes. The only way to work out which signal means what, which radar is for what purpose and how efficiently it is controlled and run is to try it out. What better than a lost Boeing -- which on a radar picture could be a bomber with a mad pilot -- flying unannounced straight at a strategic area?"

"Assume this is a possible scenario, those setting it up would first make sure that every possible listening post was tuned in and watching all the radar and communication networks."

"Alert half a dozen satellites overhead, the top secret listening stations in Britain, Greenland and Norway and a few ships in the Arctic, then send the Boeing in as a complete surprise and just watch and record what happens."

"As the Boeing flies in, the scene is hopefully unscrambled before the eyes of the organisers. The Soviet target radar is locked in on the Boeing and the whole defence system is tuned in on the one plane."

"Everything can be recorded and unscrambled later because you know exactly what the Soviet military is worried about."

He added that explanations so far about equipment failure causing the South Korean Boeing 707 to change course "are ridiculous. Flying above

the clouds, the navigator had the sun for guidance. Why didn't he use it?" Baruch, who aired his theory in an inside-page article, was not immediately available to answer questions about it or the extent of his scientific knowledge.

Compensation for Japan

Meanwhile Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda said yesterday Japan might demand compensation from the Soviet Union for Japanese passengers killed and injured when the South Korean airliner was forced down in Russia.

And a Japanese doctor said yesterday that one of the two passengers killed in the incident would not have died if he had been given treatment within two hours.

Dr. Hayashi Kono, Deputy Director of Tokyo Metropolitan Hospital, was speaking to journalists after conducting a post-mortem on 31-year-old Yoshitake Sugano, who died from loss of blood after the plane was fired on by a Soviet fighter. Dr. Kono said none of Mr. Sugano's vital organs had suffered any injury.

Habash reportedly asks Cuba to mediate between Ethiopia and Eritreans

BEIRUT, April 26 (AP). — Radical Palestinian guerrillas have asked Cuba to mediate a settlement between Ethiopia and guerrillas of Ethiopia's Red Sea Province of Eritrea, the Beirut newspaper Al Nahar reported today.

The independent newspaper said Dr. George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), conveyed the request to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro during their recent talks in Havana.

Al Nahar quoted informed Palestinian sources as saying Dr. Habash gave Dr. Castro a sketch of a negotiated settlement drawn up by two major Eritrean guerrilla groups to begin peace talks with Ethiopia's military regime of Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam. Dr. Habash had talks with the leaders of the two groups -- the Revolutionary Co-

uncil of the Eritrean Liberation Front and the Eritrean Popular Liberation Front -- before making his first visit to Cuba.

Dr. Habash maintains ideological ties with both guerrilla groups, which share his Marxist leanings and advocate establishment of a socialist system in Eritrea if and when it gains independence.

Meanwhile, Somalia's official radio today reported that Cuban and Ethiopian forces earlier this week launched heavy ground and air attacks against guerrilla-held areas in Eritrea.

The radio broadcast, quoting a spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front who is visiting Somalia, said the attacks started on Monday and Cubans were playing a "major role" by flying bombing sorties.

French Communists discuss party unrest

PARIS, April 26 (R). — The French Communist Party Central Committee began a two-day meeting here today to discuss unrest in its ranks since the Socialist-Communist alliance failed in last month's general elections.

The meeting was closed and little information is expected to filter out until it ends tomorrow.

While the political pages of the French press have been filled for days with speculation about the depth of the unrest, the secretive nature of the Communist Party and its closed structure has allowed little information to escape.

A series of articles written in the non-Communist press by some party intellectuals,

well-known as party spokesmen but wielding little real power in the movement, have been the clearest indications of unrest.

The intellectuals assailed the non-democratic way they said the party leadership takes policy decisions, claiming this led to confusion on party aims and subsequent loss of votes.

There is no hard evidence to support some of their claims that their views are shared by the rank and file, except possibly among white-collar workers and teachers.

The party traditionally has based its power in France among factory workers, and rebellious intellectuals usually have been expelled.

Healthy exports obscure South Africa's sad economic and political situation

By Nell Behrmann

LONDON, (F.T.). — The South African budget showed once again that the economy is powerful enough to withstand external political pressures, at least for the time being. Minister of Finance Owen Horwood, advised by the astute Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr. Gerhard de Kock, and Secretary for Finance Dr. Joep de Loor, has made a determined effort to show the world that South Africa is still a trustworthy debtor and profitable investment area.

But in the past two years his economic advisers must have been influenced by the Angola war, developments in Rhodesia and Namibia, riots, the death of Steve Biko and the economic consequences of the insensitive Minister of Justice, Mr. Jimmy Kruger. They are in a position similar to corporate treasurers trying to put companies in order when their salesmen are losing all the contracts.

Conservative policies

To show international trading partners that the politically-troubled country is economically sound, the South African Treasury and Reserve

Bank have pursued conservative policies. Money supply expanded to well below the inflation rate in 1977, and government spending was slashed despite the heavy defence burden.

Mr. Horwood's team was helped by a buoyant gold price, booming diamond sales and healthy mineral and agricultural exports. The tough monetary and fiscal policy curbed imports. Not surprisingly a cheerful Mr. Horwood pointed out that the balance of payments current account turned dramatically around from a deficit of \$1.9bn. in 1976 to a surplus of \$863m. last year.

This dramatic transformation, however, was dampened by an acute shortage of foreign capital. Net inflow of long term capital declined from \$1.1bn. in 1976 to \$243m. in 1977. Over and above these unhappy trends, the net outflow of short term capital soared from \$477m. in 1976 to \$1.2bn. in 1977.

Senator Horwood said that the inflow of long term capital fell because quasi-state corporations and cities borrowed less and even repaid old loans. Similarly, short term capital flowed out of the country because credits and loans were repaid. But he was

The healthy state of South Africa's basic exports tends to obscure the country's poor economic state. Poor industrial growth, a lack of foreign investment and growing unemployment reflect a sad political scene.

forced to admit that it was ultimately the Southern African political uncertainties, the arms boycott and the threat of economic sanctions against South Africa which brought about the shortage of foreign capital.

Mr. Horwood said that the current account surplus was used to repay foreign debt.

"This has not only strengthened our external position, but has also demonstrated to friend and foe alike that far from being overborrowed the South African economy must be rated among the most creditworthy in the world."

What price improvements?

From a financial standpoint Mr. Horwood is perfectly correct. Instead of using the money generated from gold and diamonds to reflate the economy, the authorities were forced to repay loans just to point out that the economy is still strong despite the political troubles. But the improvement in the creditworthiness, in financial rather than political terms, had its price.

In the sixties, South Africa was one of the fastest growing economies in the world. In 1974, South Africa's real growth rate was seven per cent. By 1975 growth was down to 2.5 per cent and by 1976 it had fallen to 1.5 per cent. Last year the economy grew by a mere half a per cent despite the excellent performance of gold and other exports.

In an interview in Cape Town, Dr. de Loor said: "The reason. Since World War II, the average capital inflow from abroad represented three per cent of South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP). In good years the proportion was six to seven per cent of GDP. The percentages seem small, perhaps even insignificant. But if this capital dries up as it has been doing lately, the cost to South Africa is a three per cent or more, lower growth rate."

Besides the foreign money, South Africa desperately needs technical knowhow, managerial skills and ideas for new markets and products.

With South Africa now near the bottom of the world's growth table, the results of the political scenario are quite apparent. Mr. Horwood said that black unemployment is officially estimated at 63.4, 12.4 per cent of the economically active population. Private economists feel it might be even higher, around a million to 1.5m.

Increased unemployment

Unemployment even amongst whites increased, but is still tiny in comparison with the blacks. The Standard Bank notes that industry's performance was the worst in thirty years. Had it not been for the mining and agricultural sectors' fortuitous strength, the manufacturing slump would have pulled South Africa into negative growth.

A swift look at Johannesburg points to some of the social consequences. Crime is accelerating. Both black and white workers in the cities, fearful of muggings, keep away from the seedier areas of town.

Mr. Horwood says that already there are reactionary forces at work. The authorities intend loosening the money supply, and gold and other exports should keep the country's reserves on an even keel. In an attempt to get

the economy moving he reduced company and mining taxation marginally and abolished a 10 per cent surcharge on individual taxation. By introducing a sales tax he shifted the burden from direct to indirect tax.

But what a pity! If South Africa was free of the political problem of apartheid, it would be one of the most flourishing economies in the world.

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COORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AKJ4 ♠AJ98 073 ♠863
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Dble. 3 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q1072 ♠6 ♠K963 ♠764
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠QJ7 ♠KQ83 ♠K6 ♠KJ63
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J872 ♠J5 ♠K93 ♠Q1085
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass
Dble. Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J762 ♠QJ854 ♠862 ♠7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K5 ♠KQ83 ♠AJ6 ♠954
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A8 ♠962 ♠Q1075 ♠K1095
Partner opens the bidding with three no trump. What action do you take?

Q.8—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KQ7 ♠K865 ♠AK ♠K1062
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henn Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: AN "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABIDE DERBY BEATEN PLACID
Answer: Exposes plenty on the beach—THE EBBTIDE

ACROSS

1 Tiff
5 Game fish
9 Succulent plant
14 Chronic drinker
15 Moreno or Gam
16 Mistreatment
17 Solar disc
18 Dbl. once
19 Verdant
20 Historic treasure
23 Chant
24 Snicker—
25 Within: comb. form
27 Magician's word

32 Flower
36 Orient
39 Astronaut
40 Monetary, system
43 NY college
44 Cruising along
45 Grecian beauty spots
46 Transmitter
48 Hood's rod
50 Borodin's prince
53 Verbal trash
58 Legendary treasure
62 Lamp dweller

63 Coal or gas
64 Pain: comb. form
65 Go in
66 Old-time mania
67 Golf items
68 Night lights
69 Men of Cincinnati
70 To be: Fr.

DOWN

1 Fundit
2 Mountain-climbing item
3 Concerning
4 Lone Ranger's sidekick
5 Insolent
6 Japanese aborigine
7 Holds back
8 Epitome of evil
9 Limp one
10 River in Spain
11 Combat for two
12 Secondhand
13 Chess pieces
21 Spain's first month
22 Dividing walls

26 Spreads grass
28 Termini
29 Close
30 Fatigue
31 Nama in autos
32 Moonshood
33 Brogan
34 Nashville's state abbr.
36 Golly!
37 Enzyme suffix
38 Party single
41 Handel opus item
42 Part of TNT
47 Sea ducks
49 Confounds
51 Tender
52 Bring back into circulation
54 In high dudgeon
55 Gentleman's gentleman
56 Garden tool
57 Free to move about
58 Hackman
59 Familiar with
60 Property claim
61 Give temporarily
62 Army man: abbr.

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